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**RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR AN ELECTION OF SPECIES
AND PROVISIONAL ELECTION**

Sir:

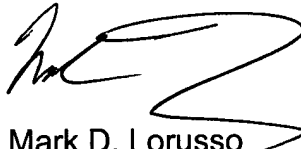
In the Office Action dated August 10, 2005, the claims in the application were subject to a requirement for an election of species. According to the Examiner, the claims of the application are directed to three patentably distinct species of invention identified in the office action as Species I (Figs. 1, 2, 4a, 4b and 6), II (Fig. 3) and III (Fig. 5).

In response thereto, Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the invention of Species I (Figures 1, 2, 4a, 4b and 6). Claims 1-27 and 29-45 read on the elected invention.

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Respectfully submitted,



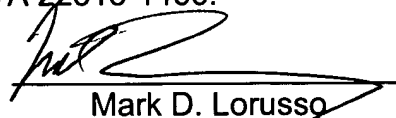
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